



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Katsuhiko HIEDA ) Group Art Unit: 2812  
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Serial No.: 10/650,852 ) Examiner: Kennedy, Jennifer M.  
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Filed: August 29, 2003 )  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
THE SAME )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.